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Minutes of the Lower San Pitch River
Distribution Water Users Meeting:

Meeting held January 22, 1985 in the Sanpete County Courthouse
Conference Room Manti, Utah. Meeting Began at 1:30 p.m.

Those present:

Ben Kjar - Sanpitch District
Donny Christensen - Lower San Pitch River Commissioner
F. Dwights Malmgren - Gunnison Fayette Canal Co.
Doug Willden - Mayfield Irrigation Co.
J. Neil Nielson - Gunnison Irrigation Co.
Stanley Price - Price Dam
Roger Johnson - Sanpete Drainage District
Carl H. Carpenter - Central Utah Water Conservancy Dist.
Kirk Forbush - State Engineers Office - Richfield
Stan Adams - State Engineers Office - Richfield
Jerry Bronicel - State Engineers Office - SLC
Richard Hall - State Engineers Office - SLC

Meeting Chaired by Ben Kjar.

Minutes by Kirk Forbush

Ben Kjar called the meeting to order. The adgenda for todays meeting was reviewed. Richard B. Hall read the minutes from last years water user meeting. Neil Nielson made a motion to accept the minutes. Roger Johnson seconded the motion. Vote on motion passed.

Richard B. Hall read the financial report for 1984. There were no delinquent assessments. Dwight Malmgren made a motion to accept the financial statement as read. Stanley Price seconded the motion. Vote on motion passed.

Richard B. Hall brought up the possibilities of earning interest on trust fund monies. Motion was made by Neil Nielson to pursue this idea. Roger Johnson seconded the motion. Vote on motion passed.

Donny Christensen gave the Lower River Commissioner report. High water was a problem in measurement. The high water made it impossible to use many of the measuring devises. Each diversion and reservoir were discussed regarding their measuring devices and general condition of diversion structure. The Mayfield Irrigation Company lost their reservoir.

Ben Kjar asked about loosing a water right because the sprinklers do not use the flow rate that flood irrigation does. Richard B. Hall explained that as long as the uses remained the same the water right will not be in jeopardy.

Ben kjar also had a concern about the increases acreage during the high water year and what results that would have during a low

water year. Richard Hall mentioned other areas where areal photos are done to ensure acreage limitation. Also, that if the party that is being injured by the increased acreage goes in suite with the State then the State will be able to prosecute.

Donny Christensen continued his report. The Anderson diversion has been moved a couple of blocks upstream. Stan Adams said he would look for a Change Application for that purpose. Donny concluded his report. Stanley Price made a motion to accept the report as given. Neil Nielson seconded the motion. Vote on the motion passed.

Neil Nielson brought up the idea of having one Commissioner for the Upper and Lower Sanpitch combined. Also, suggested having a meeting with the upper and lower systems to decide on a one or two River Commissioner system. It was agreed that late September would be a good time to hold this meeting. Stanley Price made a motion to schedule this meeting. Neil Nielson seconded the motion. Vote on motion passed.

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Stanley Price made the motion to nominate Donny Christensen for the 1985 Lower River Commission position. Neil Nielson seconded the motion. Motion passed. Donny Christensen accepted the position.

The 1985 Budget was then prepared using the 1984 budget as a guide. Neil Nielson made a motion to accept the Budget as prepared. Dwight Malmgren seconded the motion. Vote on motion passed.

Richard talked about the assessment and that it may be in the red. Neil Nielson felt everyone should be assessed equally. Ben Kjar thought that the assessment is equitable. It was stated that during the meeting to discuss a one commissioner system, a common formula for assesment will need to be agreed upon. It was agreed to increase the assessment to \$9,000 to take care of any overdraft. Neil Nielson made a motion to accept the assessment at \$9,000. Roger Johnson seconded the motion. Vote on the motion passed.

The problem on how to assess users where the water was not able to be measured was brought up. It was agreed to assess as per previous years. Ben Kjar made a motion to assess as per previous year. Roger Johnson seconded the motion. Vote on motion passed.

Officers for the 1985 year were voted on same as the previous year with the exception of Bruce Brown for Raymond Jensen. Neil Nielson made a motion to accept the officers as read. Roger Johnson seconded the motion. Vote on the motion passed.

Meeting adjourned at 3:00 p.m.